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SUBJ: HYUNDAI SHIPBUILDING WISHES PURCHASE BETHLEHEM  
VLCC DESIGN; REQUESTS SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

REF: A) SEOUL 2949 B) SEOUL 4206 C) SEOUL 4207

1. ALTHOUGH NO U.S. FIRMS RESPONDED TO HYUNDAI SHIPBUILDING T.O. FOR VERY LARGE CRUDE CARRIER DESIGNS REPORTED REF. A, HYUNDAI HAS LEARNED THAT BETHLEHEM STEEL COMPANY SHIPBUILDING DIVISION REPORTEDLY HAS DESIGN FOR AND IS BUILDING 400,000 DWT CLASS TANKER. HYUNDAI WROTE JULY 11 TO C.W. RITTERHOF, BETHLEHEM SHIPBUILDING VICE PRESIDENT STATING INTEREST IN PURCHASING DESIGN, AND ASKING FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

2. SALE OF AMERICAN DESIGN WOULD HAVE MULTIPLIER EFFECT, LEADING TO SALES OF U.S. ORIGIN SHIPBOARD EQUIPMENT WHICH PRESUMABLY IS SPECIFIED IN THE DESIGN PACKAGE.

3) EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR COMMERCE TO CONTACT MR. RITTERHOF OR APPROPRIATE BETHLEHEM OFFICIAL AND ALERT THEM TO HYUNDAI'S INTEREST. SEE REFTELS B AND C FOR MORE DATA ON KOREAN SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY.

4) IF BETHLEHEM DOES NOT HAVE 400,000 DWT CLASS TANKER  
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DESIGN, PLEASE CONTACT MAJOR U.S. NAVAL ARCHITECTS TO

DETERMINE IF SUCH DESIGN IS AVAILABLE FROM ANY U.S.  
SUPPLIER.

5) PLEASE ADVISE ACTION TAKEN.  
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